



# State of Louisiana

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## STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Wednesday, July 19, 2006**

The Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at the Claiborne Building, Board of Regents Conference Room, 6-240/242, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Committee Chair Michael Abbiatti called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The roll was called by Ms. Diane Didier, Support Staff for the Committee, and a quorum was established.

### **Committee Members Present:**

Michael Abbiatti (Chair)

Rizwan Ahmed (Vice-Chair)

Chief Robert Black

Joe Drago

Chief Freddy Drennan

Sheriff Ricky Edwards

Heywood Jeffers (Designee)

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Donnie Marks

Camille S. Perry

Pat Potier (Designee)

Susan Severance

Colonel Eric Sivula

Colonel Henry Whitehorn

### **Representing Agency:**

LA Broadband Advisory Council/

LA Board of Regents

Division of Administration &

Office of Information Technology

LA Fire Chief's Association

Dept. of Transportation/Development

Police Chief's Association

LA Sheriff's Association

LA Senate Select Committee on

Homeland Security

LA House of Representatives Special

Committee on LA Homeland Security

LA Public Service Commission

LA State Senate Judiciary B Committee

Dept. of Health & Hospitals

Governor's Office/OHSEP

Dept. of Public Safety/Corrections Services

Dept. of Public Safety/LA State Police

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Richard Gremillion

Representative Daniel Martiny

Lt. Colonel Robert Morris

Lt. Colonel Brian Spillman

### **Representing Agency:**

Regional Parish Homeland Security &

Emergency Preparedness Directors

Committee

LA House of Representatives Committee

on Administration of Criminal Justice

LA National Guard

Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries

**State/Parish Agency Representatives Present:**

James Anderson	Region 4 Iberia OHSEP
John Butterick	Region 5 Calcasieu OHSEP
Eric Deroche	Region 3 Assumption/St. James OHSEP
Dean Dozier	Region 8 Ouachita OHSEP
Colonel Kenneth Hughes	Region 1 Plaquemines OHSEP
Tommy Thiebaud	Region 9 Washington OHSEP

**Support Staff Present:**

Diane Didier (LA Board of Regents)

**Guest List**  
**See Appendix**

**III. Approval of the Minutes of July 12, 2006**

Mr. Michael Abbiatti, Chair, asked for a motion to approve the July 12, 2006 minutes.

**On motion of Chief Freddy Drennan, seconded by Colonel Eric Sivula, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of July 12, 2006.**

**IV. Special Presentations**

Mr. Abbiatti displayed a draft of PowerPoint slide for the Statewide Interoperability: The Louisiana Strategy. The slides will be used by SIEC briefing teams. Suggestions were made by the SIEC members to upgrade slides.

There was discussion regarding talkgroups. Ms. Christina Dayries, Louisiana State Police, gave an overview of talkgroups in the state. After further discussion Mr. Rex McDonald was appointed to create a slide for the talkgroups to be added to the SIEC briefing team's presentation.

Mr. Rizwan Ahmed gave his report on his DOD (Department of Defense) meeting in Washington, DC. He commented that he was impressed by a presentation by Innovative Solutions International that demonstrated a device for radios.

Mr. Abbiatti commented to kick off the Legislative finance, Corporal Michael Murphy recommended at the last meeting for the SIEC to authorize the Gulf States Regional Center for Public Safety Innovation/COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Office, to partner with the SIEC and sponsor the SIEC Technology Symposium. Mr. Abbiatti and Corporal Michael Murphy submitted a brief proposal for a \$100,000 grant to the Gulf States Regional Center for Public Safety Innovation/COPS.

Ms. Dayries introduced Mr. Paul Belkin, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of State and Local Government, Coordination & Preparedness. Mr. Belkin talked about what his organization does with interoperability and offered to assist the SIEC. Colonel Eric Sivula suggested to develop a list of SIEC resources and add Mr. Belkin to the list.

The Committee members broke out in assigned sub-committees at 2:10 p.m.

#### **V. Sub-Committee Progress Reports**

The SIEC members returned to full meeting at 3:30 p.m. Reports were given from the four (4) sub-committees.

Chief Robert Black called the full meeting back to order. Ms. Christina Dayries gave the report of the Funding and Finance Sub-Committee on behalf of Mr. Abbiatti and Ms. Susan Severance, Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committees discussed the following; 1) Existing finance for grants, Homeland Security, etc.; 2) Mr. Abbiatti is arranging a meeting next week with Mr. Leonard Kleinpeter at the Governor's Office to discuss sustainment funding; 3) Corporal Michael Murphy is securing funding for the SIEC Gulf Coast Initiative Compact Pilot Project; 4) Track available grant funding; 5) Mr. Heywood Jeffers offered to contact Ms. Jean Vandal, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Administration, for SIEC funding; 6) Mr. Abbiatti recommended the CFO's of state agencies to be part of SIEC Funding and Finance Sub-Committee; 7) Look at Federal funds - Federal earmarks for 2008 appropriations are due by February/March 2007; 8) Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth - trip to Mississippi to meet with the Gulf Coast representatives regarding the Gulf Coast Initiative Compact Pilot Project – recommended to invite the Mississippi team

to a SIEC meeting; 9) Suggestion from Mr. Abbiatti – if any of the SIEC members know of any funding, please send to the SIEC listserv; 10) SIEC will work on Legislative package to be presented to Legislators before the next 2007 session; 11) Action items – Revised Louisiana State Police 800MHz Statewide Communications Program FY'04-05 Expenditures; 12) SIEC will assist Parishes/Regions in applying for Homeland Security funds; 13) Mr. Heywood Jeffers mentioned that he will talk to Representative Alexander, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, for funding sources for SIEC; and 14) Mr. Abbiatti mentioned he will meet with the House Finance Committee after meeting with the Governor's Office.

Chief Robert Black gave the report of the Technology Sub-Committee. Chief Black mentioned that the SIEC Needs Assessment Survey will be out on the SIEC listserv on Thursday, July 20, 2006. All reports are due by Wednesday, July 26, 2006. Eric Deroche suggested to look at the 800MHz analog system. When the maintenance agreements run out, the Sub-Committee discussed to create a State partnership through the Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee. Colonel Whitehorn also suggested for vendors to come up with a stable technology that will bridge systems. Chief Black also reported that the Sub-Committee discussed users/subscribers policy for private call users.

## **VI. Old Business**

Eric Deroche commented that the SIEC Executive Order list Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs cannot have a Designee. He requested clarification. After further discussion, Chief Black suggested to send to the Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee at the next SIEC meeting. Eric Doreche inquired about the working groups reporting back to the Executive Committee with the minutes of meetings, etc. Who is going to keep track of the working groups to be sure they are doing their jobs? Colonel Whitehorn suggested to send the reports to Mr. Abbiatti.

## **VII. New Business**

Chief Black reminded the Committee of the Police Chief's Association Conference in New Orleans, Saturday, July 22, 2006.

**VIII. Public Comments**

No public comments were made.

**IX. Adjournment**

In the absence of further business, Interim Chair Chief Black adjourned the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee meeting at 3:55 p.m.

**APPENDIX**  
**GUEST LIST**  
**July 19, 2006**

**NAME**

Richard Silverman  
Christina Dayires  
Paul Belkin  
Clay Henry  
Carey Foy  
Robert Hale  
Matt Farlow  
Michelle Fontenot  
Camille S. Perry  
Raj Iyer  
Dennis Blackwell  
Gary Peters  
Bobbi O'Bryan  
Rex McDonald

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